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Our File : S01.12-0881

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection
with the above-identified patent application:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 25, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

~~11. (Amended) A wafer having a surface contoured to form air bearing surfaces of a plurality of glide heads.~~

Please add new claims 15-20 as follows:

~~15. (New) The wafer of claim 11 wherein the contoured surface for the air bearing surfaces of the plurality of glide heads has a peak-to-valley flatness less than about 1 μ inch.~~

~~16. (New) The wafer of claim 11 wherein the contoured surface for the air bearing surfaces of the plurality of glide heads has a surface flatness less than about 1 μ inch.~~

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